UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

ORDER FOR TRIAL
BKY NO. 08-40171
ADV NO. 09-4155

IT IS ORDERED:

- 1. This proceeding is set for trial in Courtroom 2B, United States Courthouse, 316 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, on **January 18, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.**
- 2. On or before **January 7, 2011**, all parties are expected to confer and enter into stipulations as to the following:
 - Waiver of objections to the admissibility of exhibits on the grounds of lack of identification or foundation where the identification or foundation is not to be contested;
 - b) Waiver of objections to the admissibility of depositions proposed to be offered in evidence, if any.
 - c) Facts not in dispute. This stipulation shall be reduced to writing in a form which can be adopted by the Court as Findings of Fact.

At this conference, counsel shall exchange copies of each exhibit intended to be introduced and relied upon at trial.

- 3. **Use of Courtroom Technology**: Counsel are expected to use the evidence presentation system available in the courtroom when examining witnesses and introducing documentary evidence. Hands-on training on the court's electronic presentation equipment is required for all parties who wish to present evidence or testimony at the trial. The court has scheduled hands-on training for counsel and their staff on **January 12**, **2011**, in **Courtroom 2C**.
- 4. On or before **January 12, 2011**, the parties shall prepare, serve and file the following:
 - a) The stipulations regarding admissibility of exhibits and depositions;
 - b) The stipulation of facts which are not disputed.
 - c) A final witness list containing the names, addresses and brief summary of the testimony of each witness the party will call. A person not listed on this list may not testify during the party's case-inchief;
 - d) A final exhibit list containing a description of all exhibits to be offered at trial. Exhibits not listed on this list may not be offered during the party's case-in-chief. The plaintiff shall designate all exhibits by number and the defendant shall designate all exhibits by letter.
 - e) A list of depositions to be offered at trial;
 - f) A trial memorandum containing a complete chronology of the party's version of the facts and a complete statement of the law on which the party relies.
 - g) Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.
 - h) On or before **January 13, 2011**, counsel shall submit to my court recorder a full set of electronic exhibits.
 - Acceptable media: The preferred medium for submission of electronic exhibits is a CD-ROM, but flash drives are also acceptable. Media should be checked for viruses before submission to the court. Video may be submitted on VHS or DVD.
 - ii. **Document format**: Documentary evidence shall be submitted in .pdf format, with the exception of exhibits originally generated in Excel format, which shall be submitted in Excel format. Photographs shall be submitted in .pdf format at a resolution of 300 dpi.
 - iii. **Naming exhibits**: Electronic exhibits shall be identified on the CD or flash drive as required in Term 4.d. above, with the submitting party's name or an abbreviated form of that name added after the number or letter of the exhibit.

For example:

1-ABC CORP.pdf 2-ABC CORP.pdf

A-SMITH.pdf B-SMITH.pdf

Counsel should <u>not</u> add these exhibit designations to the electronic exhibits; these designations are solely for use in naming the exhibits.

- 5. <u>Private Information</u>. To avoid the inadvertent disclosure of private data and other sensitive information, counsel and parties unrepresented by counsel shall refrain from eliciting or mentioning during the trial or including in exhibits or any other submissions required by this order any of the following restricted information, except in the manner noted:
 - a) Social Security numbers: use only the last four digits;
 - b) Financial account numbers: use only the last four digits;
 - c) Names of minor children: use only initials;
 - d) Dates of birth: use only year of birth; and
 - e) Home addresses of witnesses; use only city and state of residence.

If restricted information is mentioned in court, counsel or parties may ask to have it stricken from the record or partially redacted to conform to the judiciary's privacy policy.

- 6. Upon settlement, each party has an independent obligation and shall notify the calendar clerk, within 24 hours after a settlement agreement has been reached. Unless the Court orders otherwise, the settlement documents shall be filed within ten (10) days after oral notice of the settlement.
- 7. Failure to timely comply with this order may result in the imposition of sanctions under Bankruptcy Rule 7016 and Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(f).
 - 8. Fed. R. Civ.P. 26(a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(3) and (f) do not apply in this proceeding.

Dated: October 18, 2010

/e/ Dennis D. O'Brien United States Bankruptcy Judge

NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC ENTRY AND FILING ORDER OR JUDGMENT Filed and Docket Entry made on 10/18/10

Lori Vosejpka, Clerk By NAB